# State of Hawaii DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of State Parks Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii

O'ahu

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF REVOCABLE PERMIT NO. SP0070A ISSUED TO SAND ISLAND OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION, INC. TO OPERATE PUBLIC VENUES OF TRAILS AND TRACKS FOR BMX BICYCLES. REMOTE CONTROL VEHICLES. PEE MOTORCYCLES, ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES, **OFF-ROAD** MOTORCYCLES AND 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS, SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION AREA, KAHOLALOA, OAHU, TMK: (1) 1-5-041:006 (por.)

#### **REQUEST:**

Approval to terminate the Revocable Permit No. SP0070a to Sand Island Off Highway Vehicle Association with thirty (30) days written notice.

### **TERMINATION:**

Revocable Permit No. SP0070a issued to Sand Island Off Highway Vehicle Association for the period January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Section B, item 2 of the Permit requires The Board of Land and Natural Resources to provide thirty (30) days written notice of revocation to the Permittee.

#### **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Sections 171-55 and other applicable sections of Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

#### **LOCATION:**

Portion of Government lands of Kaholaloa, Sand Island, Oahu, identified by TMK: 1-5-041:006 (por.), as shown on the attached map labeled as Exhibit A.

## **CHAPTER 343 – ENVIROMENTAL ASSESSMENT:**

This is merely a request for the termination of a previously issued revocable permit approved by the Board at its meeting on January 8, 2010 under agenda item E-1 and as such, State Parks believes this will have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment under Chapter 343, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) and §11-200-8(a)(1), Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) and within exemption Class 1, Number 6 of the State Parks exemption list which exempts operations involving negligible nor no expansion or change in use beyond that previously existed without park boundaries [February 5, 1976].

#### **REMARKS:**

This portion of the Park, prior to the issuance of the revocable permit, had been subjected to years of illegal dumping of debris such as concrete, asphalt tailings, various rubble and biomass, and is comprised of irregular topography from previous military use that included the creation of a series of 6 foot berms fronting the shoreline, that also inadvertently assist in the containment of potential run-off into the sea. The site also includes unmitigated growth of invasive long-thorn kiawe and seasonal indigents and homeless.

The subject area was in unmanaged and degraded physical condition, located adjacent to industrial activity in the Urban District, proximity to the Honolulu City and County Sewage Treatment Plant and is directly under the flight path of Honolulu International Airport. In 2006, DLNR staff initiated and completed both a Special Management Area (SMA) Minor Permit and an Environmental Assessment in-house to minimize costs due to a very limited budget. A \$30,000 budget was allocated to the project by Na Ala Hele via the Federal Recreational Trail Program (RTP) funds that require a percentage of the grant be applied towards motorized recreational activity. The Board approved in 2006, to first issue a Right of Entry to Sand Island Off Highway Vehicle Association as a test program. Due to enhanced value and recreational presence SIOHVA brought to the property, a Revocable Permit was subsequently issued in 2010.

However, due to the more recent lack of involvement by the President of the SIOHV Association, unauthorized uses and non-approved equipment and structures brought on to the property and the lack of responses from the Association, the permit was renewed for only six months to June 30, 2015. The President of the Association has stated he is no longer interested in maintaining the Association, the general liability insurance will lapse in April and the Association has no intention of renewing it and he would not oppose the revocation of the permit. Therefore, it is of mutual agreement by the Association and the State to terminate this permit.

There are currently on site two recreational uses under the SIOHVA permit that Division of State Parks (DSP) is interested in allowing to continue; a non-motorized BMX bike course and a remote-controlled track. DSP is requiring any potential permit holder be a registered non-profit in Hawaii, to secure the proper insurance and have a viable operating plan. Upon satisfactory submittals by these entities, it is the intent of DSP to return to the Board for approval to issue separate revocable permits. In the interim, Special Use Permits will be issued to each entity or individual.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board:

1. Authorize the termination of revocable permit No. SP0070A issued to Sand Island Off Highway Vehicle Association, Inc., to be effective upon thirty (30) days written notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Division of State Parks

APPROYED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Acting Chairperson

Board of Land & Natural Resources

